

## Michigan Stock Raisers to Meet

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Michigan Improved Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association is to be held at the Michigan Agricultural College on January 11 and 12, according to announcement of George A. Brown, secretary of the association. Several hundred farmers of the state will gather for the conference, at which vital questions of the livestock industry are to be up for discussion.

Headed by former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois the list of speakers who will address the general meetings of the gathering includes several of the foremost livestock men of the country. J. G. Brown, of Indianapolis, president of the Indiana Federation of Farmers Associations; W. M. McFadden, of Chicago, secretary of the American Poland China Record Association; H. H. Halladay, president of the Michigan Breeders and Feeders Association and head of the State Department of Agriculture; and J. A. Duell, of the State Board of Agriculture, are headliners among the speakers.

Fifteen different special breed associations will hold meetings of their own before the general sessions. A sale of draft horses and one of Short-horn cattle will be held at the college on January 13, following the meetings of the Breeders Association.

### VESTABURG

Arthur Manley, who has been running the barber shop in Summer, moved his family to that place Tuesday.

Leon Erskin moved the household goods of Arthur Manley to Summer Tuesday.

Miss Ella Manley, David J. Manley and Neoma Martin spent Saturday in Alma.

Charles Martin and daughter, Neoma Martin, spent Saturday in Alma.

Charles Martin and daughter, Neoma, spent Christmas with relatives in Alma.

Neoma Martin is spending the holidays in Alma with her aunt, and in Ithaca with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vance.

Miss Franky Davenport, who has been spending the past year in Toledo came Thursday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. David Manley.

Harold Reed and Harry Horton who are attending the business college in Fort Wayne, Ind., are home spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, and Mr. and Mrs. John Horton.

James McGilivray is very sick. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Avery left here Saturday to spend Christmas with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayl Caris spent Christmas in Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Woodman and son of Centerville were week end visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caris.

Fire destroyed the residence and most of the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Throop while they were spending Christmas Day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eliza Douglas.

George Arts is spending the holidays in Lansing with his brother.

The blacksmith who purchased the blacksmith shop of James McGilivray has taken possession of the shop and has moved into the Harrington house.

### ELY DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cline are enjoying a visit with the former's brother, of Battle Creek who is visiting them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Udell entertained company for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Udell entertained company Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bradford and children spent Christmas with the former parents in Alma.

There was a good attendance at the Christmas tree and entertainment held at the school house Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Simmons entertained for Christmas dinner the former's son, Nelson, and family also the latter's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Gratiot County Chapter of the American National Red Cross will be held at the Court House, Ithaca, Michigan, on Wednesday, January 4, 1922, at two o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, hearing reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. This meeting is important, and a large delegation from every township in the county should be present.

### INSTALL STEEL PARTS BINS

A set of all steel bins for storing of parts has been installed in the Ford Garage, which greatly facilitates the work of handling the various parts that are carried in stock by the Niles Motor Company, local Ford dealers. It forms one of the most modern plants for carrying parts that any garage in this section of the state can boast.

### MOVING GARAGE

The Shreve & Bunnings garage is being moved this week to new quarters in the Thompson garage at the corner of Superior street and Park avenue. The new location will give the firm more room and much better quarters in which to conduct their salesroom, repair shop and conduct their other work.

## Alma High School Notes

During the holiday vacation the basketball team is continuing in its strenuous training. St. Johns, Alma's guest January 6th, promises some of the strongest opposition the team is likely to meet during its season. The exact line-up against St. Johns is very uncertain although it is probable that Elias will play at center, Garner and Anderson at forwards and Atkinson and Holmes at guards. In Sartor, Wyant and Deaymond, Coach Mullin has three utility men of more than ordinary calibre. Any of these men may be inserted at any time without materially weakening the team in the least. The pre-season grind uncovered two forwards, who, although both of them are light, may be put into the game together for a few minutes and completely baffle the opposing team. These two lightweight, Tripp and Bartling, are very lucky in locating the iron circle and are clever floor men. It remains to be seen, however, just how these men will stand against close guarding.

The game with Breckenridge on Thursday afternoon resulted in a decided victory for the local ring-tossers. The final score was 18 to 5. The Breckenridge aggregation put up a much better fight than was expected and furnished real opposition for a pre-season training game. The coach gave most of the prospects a chance to show their ability and, judging from the showing made Thursday, Alma High will have a real team to send to the Mt. Pleasant tournament at the end of the season. The team shows a remarkably even balance as to playing ability and scoring qualities. Elias was Alma's outstanding player, however. Holmes and Garner also deserve mention. The game served to show the weak spots in Alma's attack and the coaches have been coaching the squad to remedy these faults.

Work on the Senior play, "Stop Thief," is rapidly progressing. The play is primarily a farce and there is nothing dry about it. It has met great success upon the professional stage and in amateur presentations. The cast is being trained by Miss Wells, head of the English department, and the personnel of the play was carefully chosen, the characters fitting their respective parts wonderfully well. The play will be presented sometime in February.

### CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Mich., December 28, 1921. Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Alma in session at the Council Chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m., by Vice Mayor John C. Chick.

Minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and approved.

Present: Commissioners Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Absent: Mayor Murphy.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was declared in session.

Reading of bills and claims:

Mrs. E. Moore	\$ 40.00
B. Thorpe	37.50
Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc.	13.71
Gratiot County Oil Co.	11.82
Home Lumber & Fuel Co.	8.96
James Naylor	.41
D. McDonald & Co.	2.95
Alert Pipe & Supply Co.	11.99
Alma Elec. & Battery Co.	1.05
Amer. LaFrance Fire Eng. Co.	5.14
Gustafson & Spencer	235.42
Pere Marquette Ry. Co.	241.37
Little Rock Coal Co.	19.70
American Ry. Express Co.	3.03
J. M. Montigel & Son	1.00
Standard Oil Co.	.74
Barclay, Ayers & Bertsch Co.	13.50
The Daley Feed Store	3.60
Thompson's Garage	1.50
First State Bank	75.00
Continental Commercial Trust and Savings Bank	1080.00
G. VanNorman	20.00
G. P. Shong	24.00
J. Graves	24.00
J. Huntley	24.00
V. Wiley	36.00
Joe Lutz	9.00
J. Wilson	1.05
E. C. Hasse	25.60
E. Landon	15.25
E. Darnell	15.25
V. Lowe	15.25
D. Howe	3.00
H. Voller	36.00
W. Humphrey	10.00
B. Williams	25.10
R. Schieb	23.72

Moved by Commissioner Chick supported by Commissioner Archer that the above bills as read covered by Vouchers Nos. 197 to 619 be allowed and the clerk instructed to issue checks in payment thereof.

Ayes: Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick. Nays: none. Mayor Murphy appears and takes the chair.

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Archer that the blue prints for the construction of a dry cleaning establishment proposed to be built by Mr. Hersey be approved and that the city engineer supervise the construction. Motion prevails.

Moved by Commissioner Chick and supported by Commissioner Glass that Mr. Edwards be allowed \$100.00 for his property described as follows: Commencing at a point where the north (or northwesterly) line of the P. M. Ry. crosses the south line to the P. M. right of way; thence northwesterly along the line of the right of way to the place of beginning, being a part of section 3 town 11 north of range 3 west, Michigan.

Ayes: Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick. The motion prevails.

Gas Report. Dec. 20, 590.7; Dec. 21, 571.4; Dec. 22, 552.7; Dec. 23, 574.9; Dec. 24, 541.4; Dec. 25, 526.5; Dec. 26, 529.7; average, B. T. U. per cu. ft. of gas 555.3.

Moved by Commissioner Chick supported by Commissioner Archer that the Commission adjourn. The motion prevails.

Francis C. Hayward, Clerk. Chas. R. Murphy, Mayor.

### LEGAL HOLIDAY

The Post Office will be closed all day Monday except to Lock Box patrons. There will be no city or rural deliveries. Mail will be dispatched as usual. The public will please be governed accordingly.

Vincent P. Cash, Postmaster.

### FARMERS' CLUB PROGRAM

The Seville and Summer Farmers Club will meet Thursday, January 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Lindstrom, five miles west of Alma. Dinner served promptly at 12 noon. Everyone invited. Program follows.

Song by Club.

Prayer.

Music, by Edna Boyd.

Report of Delegate to State Convention at Lansing.

Song.

### GOOD BYE OLD YEAR

Worn out, cast off, old year, good-bye to thee! We trace thy history in streams run through the ancient mould of granite ages; yet new are all the worthy deeds of time; to me more noble, more grand than the things I see (So minute, so mighty and all so true) Are things we saw and heard, then learned to do. By creeds that bound us fast, then made us free. We of the dust, born to serve and to give. Of all that God has wrought by sea and earth. From Him we sprang, mere flesh and blood and soul; By Him through time we move, we love, we live. Well clad in psychic mortal robe from birth To play the part of man's immortal role. —Edw. E. Shouffer.

### GO NO FARTHER

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Alma proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt:

Geo. Vannorman, 602 River Ave., says: "I suffered with lame back and had terrible pains between my shoulder blades and in the small of my back. I was often caught when lifting and these pains hurt me so I could just about drag myself around. I often had catches when in bed. I had dizzy spells when black specks came before my eyes and I could just about see. I lost sleep on account of my kidneys and the secretions were badly colored and often painful. I suffered night and day when a friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a few boxes at Brunners' Drug Store. Doan's cured me and I haven't had any trouble since."

Price 60¢ at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Vannorman had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—advertisement 31-2w

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Three sizes, 35¢, 65¢, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by C. R. Murphy and Winslow Bros. Drug Stores.—advertisement

### TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTIONS

I will collect taxes for Pine River township at the following places, from December 6 until January 10: Alma, every Thursday, State Savings Bank; St. Louis every Saturday, Commercial Savings Bank; Forest Hill every Tuesday, Forest Hill town hall. 28-ew A. M. Buck, Twp. Treas.

### NOTICE

The state, county, school and delinquent city taxes are now due and payable any time before January 9, 1922, without any penalty. From January 10 to February 28 4% will be added to the amount of your taxes. D. W. Adams, City Treasurer. 30-11w.

### CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

I wish to announce that I expect to be a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk. If nominated and elected I promise to give my entire time to the duties of the office. Harriet E. Colwell. 31-2w

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate at the primaries for the County Treasurer. If nominated and elected my entire time and attention will be given to the discharge of the duties of the office. Belle J. Price, (Mrs. Charles A. Price) 31-2

### Watch Your Children's EYES

To neglect your children's eyesight is to incur a grave responsibility. Have us examine them, that you may learn their true condition, and whether or not glasses are necessary. We never advise glasses unless absolutely required. J. P. LOSEY Registered Optometrist

## Classified Ads

Ads under this head charged for at the rate of one cent a word, with a minimum charge of 25 cents. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance. All ads telephoned in must be paid for before day of publication to insure insertion.

### WANTED

WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. State cash price, full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 29-12p

WANTED—Carloads of baled hay. Phone me and I will come and see your hay. O. A. Kates, phone 490, Alma, Mich. 209 E. Downie St. 21c

WANTED—A number of good feeding pigs weighing about 100 lbs. J. A. Bartley. 32tf-c

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—30x3½ Kingston tire and rim three-fourth mile north of Davis school house. Notify phone 667 or return to 117 W. Downie st.—1p.

LOST—Lady's wrist watch, Hamilton movement, gold-filled case. Black ribbon bracelet. Reward if returned to Record office. 1c

LOST—Female black and tan hound on December 20, with five or six feet of chain fastened to collar. Finder please return to 334 Meyer avenue and receive reward. 1p

FOUND—Horse blanket. Owner may have by proving property and paying for this notice. 724 State st. or phone 337 red or green.—32-1c

FOUND—A light fall robe. Owner can have same by paying for this ad and proving property. Inquire of Shreve & Bunnings.—32-1c

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A modern house with garage at 217 W. End st. Inquire Conley & Huffman. 30-tfe

FOR RENT—A furnished room for men in the Maples, 421 State st. 31-tfe

FOR RENT—Two light housekeeping rooms on first floor, modern and well furnished. Inquire 427 Euclid avenue. 1p

FOR RENT—Modern 5 room apartment furnished and heated. Also front sleeping room. 518 W. Center st. Phone 596. 31-tfe

FOR RENT—Modern six-room house, furnace, bath, electric lights and gas, on Francisco ave., first house north of Michigan ave. Inquire of P. E. Pollasky, room 21 Pollasky block. 28-tfe

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Our Widewater Brand extracted honey, buckwheat blend \$1.00, white clover \$1.25 per 5 lb. pail. Smith & Walston, phone 5, R5, opposite Bailey school house. 28-tfe

FOR SALE—Fresh milking cows guaranteed as represented at from \$50 to \$70. Also Short-horn bull for sale, Fames Pride 724792, 3 years old, very gentle and a fine specimen of the breed. W. E. Bartley, Alma, Mich. 29tf-c

FOR SALE—Young man with an aim in life to prepare for business, mid-winter term opens Monday, January 2. Lansing Business University. 31-2c

FOR SALE—Farmers and stockmen, now is your chance to buy young registered Duroc sows, good growthy ones, with best of breeding, at reasonable prices. Inquire W. E. Bartley. 29-tfe

FOR SALE—Scholarships at reasonable price. Up to the minute courses. Call Lansing Business University. 31-2c

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc boars, originating from the best strains. For further particulars call Smith & Walston, opposite Bailey school-house. Phone 5, Rings 5, Alma. 31-tfe

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